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Applicant : Carmel Chi Him Lau
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Examiner : Cynthia L. Davis
Docket No. : CISC798
Customer No. : 26541
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING
LOOPS WITHIN A DATA STITCHING NETWORK
ELEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.